

YARDS AND DOCKS

Chief Endicott Makes His Annual Report to the Secretary of the Navy.

WE NEED MORE DOCKING FACILITIES.

Should Be Placed at Key West and Dry Tortugas, the Key to the Gulf of Mexico.

Coaling Station Established at Pago Pago—The Port of San Juan, Porto Rico, Estimated for the Various Navy Yards for Next Year.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—In his annual report to the secretary of the navy, Chief Endicott, of the bureau of yards and docks, makes a strong point of the necessity for ample docking facilities, not only for small vessels but for the battle ships upon waters near Key West. He held this place was, during the war and may be in the future, an important base of naval operations, able strategists having pronounced Key West and Dry Tortugas as the key of the Gulf of Mexico. The small showing we make in dock accommodations is very marked as compared with the other naval powers of the world and although the expenditures for dry docks by the United States will be large in the next few years, Chief Endicott says he can not fail to ask a continuance of the liberal policy in this particular until the country is well fitted for handling its fleet in the dock yards without compelling vessels to perform long sea voyages to reach docking ports. The estimates submitted for the next year provide for only one new dock, which is to be of the largest type, constructed of granite and concrete, and located at the Norfolk navy yard.

Under the head of coaling stations the report tells what has been done toward establishing such a station at Pago Pago, on the island of Tutuila, Samoa, showing that the United States has acquired 15 acres of land at Swimming point and that a pier, one has contracted for a steel pier, coaled and other improvements necessary to store 5,000 tons of coal and other supplies.

The report states that the United States has come into possession of the port of San Juan, of a naval arsenal, founded in the year 1800, containing a number of substantial concrete buildings and three good piers. The value of the buildings and arsenals and grounds is about \$100,000, and it has been erected into United States naval station.

The estimates of the various navy yards for the next fiscal year are as follows:

Portsmouth, N. H., \$300,000; Boston, Mass., \$807,000; New London, Ct., \$25,000; New York, \$614,000; League Island, Pa., \$758,076; Washington, D. C., \$200,000; Norfolk, Va., \$2,000,000 (\$1,500,000 being for a new dock); Port Royal, S. C., \$145,000; Key West, \$112,500; Mare Island, \$851,750; Puget sound, \$33,500.

Treating of the next section on the sound, Chief Endicott says that it is important to equip a first class naval station in that vicinity, a new site should be selected, for the present has none of desiderata of a good naval station. There is no nearby population to draw upon for skilled labor; no available market and no direct railroad connection with a trunk line. Under these conditions, it is said to be doubtful if it will be built up a large station at this point. The report also comments upon the fact that no battle ships or heavy draught cruiser has yet approached the wharves at Mare Island and says it remains to be demonstrated that this precise location as a navy yard was a fortunate one. Attention is called to the fact that the Oregon was compelled to go 400 miles north of Puget sound to be docked. While the government could construct the amplest dock facilities on San Francisco bay, this would still be 450 miles north of the southern boundary of the United States, where it is quite as important to have a naval station as on the northern boundary at Puget sound. Therefore, it is recommended that a board of experienced officers be directed to give attention to the establishment of such a station near the southern limits of the Pacific coast.

The total estimates of the bureau for the next fiscal year aggregate \$6,847,481.

Prof Van Ingen Dead.

POCONTO, N. Y., Nov. 18.—Prof. Henry Van Ingen, the artist who had been art instructor of Vassar college since its opening in 1865, died suddenly of angina pectoris at his home Thursday night, aged 68 years. He was born in Holland, where he received his education, and came to this country about 1861.

Enlisting Chinese Soldiers.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The marquis of Landow, secretary of state for war, has issued the necessary orders for the enlistment of a body of 1,000 Chinese, to serve under British officers at Wei-Hai-Wei, the recently acquired British naval station on the north coast of China Tsung promontory.

THE PENSION OFFICE.

Chief Administrator Says 193,500 Cases Were Received and Disposed of During the Last Fiscal Year.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Col. F. C. Ainsworth, chief of the record and pension office, war department, in his annual report to the secretary of war, says that 193,500 cases were received and disposed of during the fiscal year, a net increase of 48,490 cases received and disposed of.

The great mass of volunteer records of all wars in which the country has been engaged (except those of the recent war with Spain has not yet been filed in his office) has been carried and the work during the past year has been generally confined to those of a miscellaneous character, difficult of reproduction and the transcription of which is necessarily slow, but of importance. This is especially the case with regard to the bureau of pensions, the only evidence of service in that war being, in many instances, the personal mention found in the miscellaneous and fragmentary records now in process of examination and reproduction.

ANOTHER RIOT IN PANAMA.

Non-Union Colored Miners and White Strikers Clash—Several Hundred Shots Were Fired.

PANAMA, Ill., Nov. 18.—Non-union colored miners and white strikers clashed in the streets of this city again Thursday. Several hundred shots were fired but the combatants did their shooting from behind trees and hedges, consequently no blood was spilled. The trouble is said to have been started by an unknown Negro firing upon Wesley Pope, a strikers' leader. Pope was walking near the Springside colliery, where the Negroes are quartered, when he was fired upon. He secured a rifle and reinforcements. Meantime the Negroes appeared in force and the shooting became general. After several hundred shots had been exchanged the Negroes retreated to their stockade. No damage was done. The mine arrived too late to get into action, but patrolled the Springside district Thursday night in force.

PRESIDENT DWIGHT RESIGNS.

The Resignation of the Noted Educator is to Take Effect at the End of the Yale University Year.

NEW HAVEN, Ct., Nov. 18.—At the meeting of the corporation of Yale university late Thursday afternoon President Timothy Dwight presented his resignation. The resignation is to take effect at the end of the university year. The corporation requested President Dwight, however, to delay his retirement until October, 1901. President Dwight, however, insisted upon his resignation at the time stated, and the matter was referred to a special committee, to report at a meeting of the corporation to be held on December 18.

AMENDMENTS CARRIED.

The Franchise Extended to Women on School Matters in Minnesota—Extraordinary of a Road Commission.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 18.—Four constitutional amendments which were voted on at the recent elections in this state have been carried according to official returns so far received. The vote from 37 counties on the amendment to extend the franchise to women on school matters shows a majority of 9,971. The other amendments were: Requiring a majority of voters present to adopt a constitutional amendment; the rule for cities, and for the establishment of a road commission.

SPANISH PAPERS RESTLESS.

The Government Urged to Yield, Since It Is Impossible for Spain to Renew the Struggle With America.

MADRID, Nov. 18.—Almost all the papers deprecate the dilatory proceedings at Paris, expressing their belief that the United States will decline arbitration, and urging the government to yield quickly, since it is impossible for Spain to renew the struggle or expect European assistance and, furthermore, because it would be better to cease wasting money and to concentrate attention upon Spain's domestic affairs and the restoration of her finances.

Good Prices for Berkshire Hogs.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 18.—Thirty-nine Berkshire hogs of the Elmwood of Feeder, Danville, Ky., sold Thursday at the fair grounds here 30 head averaging 800 7/8. The boar, Columbus Duke, was sold to Berry & Juncman, of Berkeley, Ill., for \$1,300. This is the highest price ever paid for a Berkshire hog.

Lost. Peter Henry From.

WATERVILLE, Me., Nov. 18.—A letter just received from Lieut. Robert E. Peary by Dr. J. F. Hill states that probably no message will be received from him for several years. The Hope cleared the ice fields all right but Lieut. Peary expresses fears that the Winward may be delayed by the ice closing in.

German Cruiser Sailed.

BRUSSELS, Nov. 18.—The German armored cruiser Kaiser, flagship of the squadron under command of Prince Henry of Prussia, in Chinese waters, is ashore in San-San bay.

WILL ACQUISCE.

The Spaniards Are About to Accept America's Terms and Sign the Treaty.

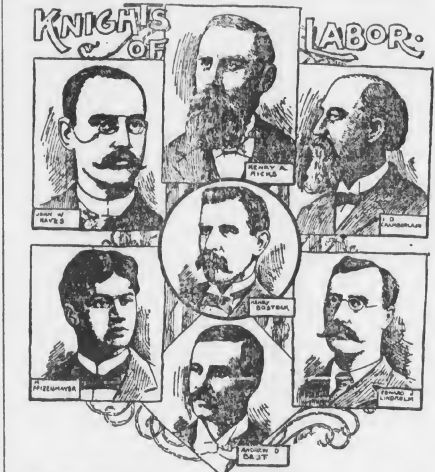
MIDNIGHT CABLE FROM JUDGE DAY.

The Peace Negotiations at Paris Will Soon Be Brought to a Satisfactory and Happy End.

Americans Will Present a Form of Agreement—Spain May Ask for Time to Consider, But There Is No Doubt That an Agreement Will Be Reached.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—The president Wednesday night received a long cable from Judge Day, chairman of the American peace commission, giving him the situation in regard to the Philippines, and the purport of Spain's answer made Wednesday. The most significant part of Judge Day's cable was the assurance that the negotiations would soon be brought to a satisfactory end.

Judge Day stated that, despite the reports to the contrary, Spain at last realized that it was useless to further delay matters, and that they would soon accept the terms of the United States, and in his opinion a treaty would be signed. This information was most pleasing to the president.



Prominent Members of the Order Attending the Annual Convention at Chicago.

especially in view of the numerous reports and the apparent feeling of a day or two ago that Spain would break off the negotiations rather than sign a treaty. It is now said that since the translation of Spain's answer Wednesday the question has become one of diplomatic agreement rather than one of fact. The form of this agreement, it is stated, will be presented at the meeting next Saturday, and while Spain may ask for a little time to consider this, there is no question but that finally an agreement will be reached.

In fact, it is stated that the American commissioners have been informed by the Spaniards that Spain's sovereignty over the Philippines has ceased and this can not, from the standpoint of this government, be further considered or submitted to arbitration as the Spanish propose. In other words, the Americans will virtually give the ultimatum on the question of Spanish sovereignty, and will demand either that the Spanish surrender or take the responsibility of withdrawing her commissioners from the negotiations. This, in the opinion of Judge Day, they will not do, but will ask for consideration of questions of compensation and other matters, and before long the treaty will be in form and ready for signature.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—All the special dispatches to the London papers Friday morning from Paris express the belief that the Spanish commissioners will finally yield, though under protest, to the American demands.

Will Keep Out of Spain.

BERLIN, Nov. 18.—An official dispatch announces that the Kaiser has sailed for Pola and will go directly from there overland to Berlin, consequently he will not visit Spain. The sudden change of temperature of the Mediterranean was injurious to the emperor's health and that caused the emperor to change his plans. It is asserted.

Insurgent Will-Trial Prisoners.

MANTLA, Nov. 18.—Rev. Mr. McKinnon, an American chaplain, contradicts the statements made by Aguilardo regarding the insurgents' treatment of their prisoners. The chaplain and others have seen the insurgents' treating prisoners, including women.

THE KAISER'S MOVEMENTS.

The London Times Rejoices That a Cause of Irritation to Uncle Sam Has Been Removed by His Change of Plans.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The Times editorially Friday morning hails Joseph Chamberlain as the "apostle of better understanding with the United States and Germany," adding that it rejoices that in view of the part the United States are likely to play in the far east, a cause of possible irritation has been removed by Emperor William's change of plans to his homeward journey. With regard to Anglo-American cooperation in the far east the Times says:

"Its effectiveness will largely depend upon our ability to do our share of the work and to protect our own interests without calling upon our friends."

LARGEST IN THE WORLD.

Thousands Witness the Launching of the Ram Battleship Formidable at the Dock Yards, Portsmouth, Eng.

PORTSMOUTH, Eng., Nov. 18.—Thousands of people Thursday witnessed the launching of the ram battleship Formidable at the dock yards here. She is said to be the largest war ship in the world, being of 15,000 tons displacement. She is 400 feet long, has 75 feet beam and draws 30 feet 9 inches of water. She cost over \$1,000,000, and was estimated to steam 18 knots. The chancellor of the exchequer, Dr. Michael Hicks-Beach, the first lord of the admiralty, Mr. Goschen and Adm.

Conservative business men of Lexington estimate that the expense of moving there during the past month has been worth \$100,000 to the city in trade. This estimate includes the money spent by the Government, by the soldiers and officers and by visitors who came because soldiers were there.

It is said Sheriff of the state is going to join in a petition in Auditor Bruce asking that he rescind his recent ruling requiring claims for land and, etc., to be reported before December 1st. They claim it was a hardship on the sheriff, who is compelled to pay in advance to secure his claims.

The Railroad Commissioners of Kentucky read the volume of the Louisville Branch of the Kentucky Central at \$200 per mile, the Nashville and the Nashville at \$200 and the Louisville Railroad at \$200. The total assessment of railroad property in the state will exceed that of last year by perhaps \$200,000.

Grading School Was Meeting. There will be a Sunday-school mass meeting at the M. E. Church, South, Orangeburg, Nov. 23rd, 1898. A good program will be given. It is hoped that all Sunday-school teachers, officers and members are especially expected to be present. Under the auspices of the Marion County Branch of the Kentucky Sunday-school Association. E. Swift, President.

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Correspondents will please send letters as far as possible no later than 5 o'clock a.m. One fact in five words is preferable. We want news in this department, not an advertising notice or political argument.

FROM PORTO RICO.
Something of That Country and its Natives.

LETTER FROM GEO. WORMALD.

Mr. Jacob Wormald is a recipient of the following letter from his brother, Mr. George W. Wormald, who is now with Company I, Sixth United States Volunteers, at Camuy, Porto Rico:

CAMUY, PORTO RICO, Dec. 19, 1901.

My Dear Brother:

I have just returned from the 6th and went to New York, took passage on the C. & D. transport ship Mississippi and arrived at San Juan, Porto Rico, the 15th. We stayed there three days and came here on the railroad, a small narrow-gauge affair. This place is the terminus of the road. It is 61 miles from Camuy to San Juan. Along the railroad is a beautiful level country, mostly sugar plantations, but in the mountains coffee grows in abundance. Coffee is now on and the natives are picking it. It resembles berries, but of a oval shape and grows wild on bushes in the hills. Coconuts, bananas and oranges are plentiful, but we are warned not to eat them on account of sickness.

This is a beautiful country and beautiful mountain scenery. This town has about 50 inhabitants, mostly native Porto Ricans, a lazy and indolent set, and not very intelligent. They live in huts that are covered with leaves from banana trees, coconuts and figs. We have no windows—nothing but an opening like a doorway, and are built of light about three feet. The better class live in houses of an old, ancient style, but even they have no glass windows, as the Spanish Government puts so heavy a tax on window glass that they had to get along without them.

This place is on the ocean and has a beautiful beach to bath in. It is very warm, but a good breeze is blowing off the sea all the time. Our company is divided up in squads to guard coffee plantations, as there is an organized band of outlaws on the island that all the planters, rich and poor, plantation holders and out of the coffee bushes at night. We are a desperate set. I have five men under me guarding Santiago coffee plantations. The holdings had been set on fire twice before we came, but I think they are now scared and won't bother around while we are here. They know we have orders to shoot them if they are caught lurking around at night. A company of the Fifth United States Volunteers, Regulars, has also been scouting all over the island.

There is considerable typhoid fever here, but so far my men have been very good. Rum is the principal drink here, as they are forbidden to use it, as it is dangerous to Americans. Cigars sell at 1 cent apiece, good ones for 2 cents, but there is no chewing or smoking tobacco sold. Spanish is spoken altogether. Our American dollar is worth 13 1/2 in Spanish money. Laboring men get 25 cents a day and their dinner, which consists of rice, codfish cooked in olive oil and garlic, but no bread or meat. The natives are a shy set and are very sneaking. The United States Government will have to rule them with an iron hand.

The United States has established Postoffice as American Postmasters, and telegraph offices are run by the United States Signal Corps.

The town of San Juan is a beautiful city of about 30,000 people. The houses are old style, and the city is strongly fortified, three forts being at the entrance of the harbor, which is a beautiful one. There were two United States warships, a cruiser and the United States battleship, the Red Cross Association has done great service for the soldiers in this war. Spanish soldiers are very small men, but what I have seen of them they are gentlemanly and they treated us very kindly while we were in San Juan. This country is full of beautiful wild

KENTUCKY NEWS.
The Latest News From All Parts of the Commonwealth.

Engine Run Down a Road Car.
MILLDALE, Ky., Nov. 18.—A Louisville & Nashville switch engine ran down a hand car Thursday morning near the Milldale trestle. Six employees of the road were on the car. Five of the men escaped injury, but the other man, named Tony Luckey, was hurled over the embankment with the car on the Milldale side of the embankment which is very steep, and was badly injured. The other men saved their lives by jumping in time.

Breckinridge-McDowell Wedding.
LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 18.—At Ashland, the home of Henry Clay, Lieut. Donah Breckinridge, son of ex-governor W. C. P. Breckinridge, and a member of Gen. J. C. Breckinridge's staff, and Miss Marge McDowell, daughter of Maj. H. C. McDowell, president of the Lexington & Eastern railroad and the great grand daughter of Henry Clay, were married at noon Thursday by Bishop Dudley, of Louisville.

Turkey "Crop" in the Biosphere.
VINCENNES, Ky., Nov. 18.—The Thanksgiving bird will be a luxury this year. On account of the extremely wet weather during the summer and fall, which is very detrimental to the turkey in its early stages, the "crop" in the Illinois is very short. Buyers in this section are paying eight cents a pound on foot and going from house to house after them.

May Reach Home December 1.
FRANKFORT, Ky., Nov. 18.—After visiting Maj. Gen. Brooke at San Juan, Col. Castleman, of the 1st Kentucky Infantry, has returned to Boone with the information that the Legion may reach home by December 1. The men are in good health and the sick list is decreasing. There have been 16 deaths in the regiment since it left Louisville last April.

Completing Railroad Report.
FRANKFORT, Ky., Nov. 18.—The state railroad commission met here for a three days' session to complete the annual assessment of the railroad property of the state, begun some weeks ago. They will, while here, complete the annual report to the governor, which must be in that official's hands on or before the first of December.

Turkeys Thrive in Garretted County.
LANCASTER, Ky., Nov. 18.—The season for the buying and shipment of turkeys has opened here and promises to be a large business. As many as 10,000 turkeys have already been slaughtered and shipped to the city markets, and one lot was brought in Thursday that contained between 1,300 and 1,500.

Soldier's Remains Brought Home.
BOWLING GREEN, Ky., Nov. 18.—The remains of Private Joe Baker arrived here today. The funeral services will be in charge of the Porter Riders. Baker's home was here. He was a bugler in the 1st Tennessee and died at San Francisco, Cal., en route to Manila, last July.

Tramp Killed by Car.
MAYFIELD, Ky., Nov. 18.—Ed Kelley, a man supposed to be a tramp, was run over and killed by a freight train in the yards here. Kelley was standing on the track looking at something else when the train backed on him, knocking him down and killing him almost instantly.

Three Persons Shot.
RUSSELLVILLE, Ky., Nov. 18.—Late Wednesday evening Ben Perry, Jr., colored, shot and seriously wounded "Aunt" Jim Beall, her son Jack and one of her daughters. The trouble arose about the killing of Charles Perry by Henry Harry Beall Sunday night.

Rival for Lancaster.
LANCASTER, Ky., Nov. 18.—The Methodists here are renovating the church preparatory to a big revival, which begins the first Sunday in December. It will be conducted by Rev. H. C. Morrison, of Louisville, and Prof. Kersey.

born Maj. Carson for Damage.
LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 18.—Photographer W. E. Singleton, who was shot and wounded in the gallery by Maj. Thomas J. Carson about a fortnight ago, Thursday filed suit against Maj. Carson for \$10,000 damages.

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